During 2008-09, financial assistance amounting to Rs. 250.77 crore was sanctioned to 24 States for creation of sports infrastructure in 22,854 Village and 601 Block Panchayats. During 2009-10 (upto 31-10-2009) financial assistance amounting to Rs. 14.64 crore has been sanctioned to 5 States for creation of sports infrastructure in 1,261 Village Panchayats and 53 Block Panchayats. The details of funds released during 2008-09 and 2009-2010 are given below:—

(Rupees in crore)

| Year | Funds released |
|---|---|
| 2008-09 | 92.00 |
| 2009-10 | 99.78 (upto 31-10-2009) |

Under this scheme, annual competitions are organized in PYKKA sports disciplines throughout the country at block, district, state and national levels. Apart from broad basing sports, the scheme is expected to expand the talent base for the promotion of excellence in sports in the long-run.

**Reading time in the National Library at Kolkata**

*112. SHRI MOINUL HASSAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the reading time in the National Library at Kolkata has been reduced;

(b) if so, whether the readers, both domestic and foreign, are facing a problem; and

(c) if so, the action Government has taken to resolve the problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The National Library, Kolkata has four buildings namely, (I), Main Building, (II) Bhasha Bhavan, (III) Annexe Building and (IV) New Annexe Building within the library campus at Belvedere, within walking distance of each other. The Esplande Reading Room is located 10 kms. away from the Belvedere Campus. The main Building has been declared as a "Heritage Building" and needs immediate restoration and conservation. For this purpose, the building has been vacated for handing over to the ASI for restoration. All books, documents and reading materials have been shifted to the Bhasha Bhavan and other buildings. The Annexe building has several reading rooms, including the Asutosh Collection and Rare Books. The Indian Official Document Divisions Reading Room and the English Periodical Reading Room were housed in this building. Presently the English Periodical Reading Room has been shifted to the second floor of the Bhasha Bhavan and remains open from 9.00 a.m. to 8.00 p.m. The Indian Official Document Division's Reading Room remains open from 9.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. in the Annexe Building and from 6.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m., the services to it are provided from the Bhasha Bhavan Reading Room. As soon as the work of shifting is over, the earlier arrangement will be restored.